

§ 702. Declaration of purpose

A. The Legislature of Louisiana does hereby recognize the state's role and responsibilities in ensuring that the net proceeds of charitable games of chance conducted pursuant to the Charitable Raffles, Bingo and Keno Licensing Law are contributed to bona fide charitable causes. The legislature further finds that it is in the public interest to prevent infiltration of elements of organized crime or professional gambling into charitable gaming.

B. Therefore, it shall be the policy of the state of Louisiana to decrease the potential for fraud in charitable games of chance and to increase compliance with the provisions of the Charitable Raffles, Bingo and Keno Licensing Law and other applicable laws and regulations through monitoring and enforcement as well as public education and awareness of the purposes of these laws and regulations.

C. The purpose of this Chapter is to establish mechanisms to effectuate such purposes, including but not limited to:

(1) A state licensing system for charitable organizations conducting such games of chance, commercial lessors, and for manufacturers and distributors of supplies and equipment used in such games.

(2) Provision of specialized instruction and training for local law enforcement agencies and for licensees.

Acts 1999, No. 568, §3, eff. June 30, 1999; Acts 2003, No. 602, §1, eff. July 1, 2003.